SENATE BILL 3229 By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, relative to taxation of solar energy systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 67-5-2___.

- (a) There shall be exempt from property taxation all appliances, equipment, machinery, structures or other such property or portion thereof used primarily and necessarily for heating, cooling, or electrical generation by solar power.
- (b) When property containing such solar powered systems is appraised, the presence of the system and the value of its component parts shall not be taken into consideration in determining the value of the property.
- (c) Any question arising over the qualifications of a particular system for this exemption shall be determined by the assessor of property in the county where the property is located based on standards and specifications developed by the division of energy of the department of economic and community development, but the assessor's determination may be appealed to the local and state boards of equalization.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.